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Situation in The Dominican Republic
(Report #251 - As of 4:30 pm EDT)

The Imbert regime is becoming increasingly truculent in its public statements about the role of Secretary General Jose Mora of the Organization of American States (OAS).

A broadcast at 12:50 pm EDT today over the loyalist-held Dominican Armed Forces Radio at San Isidro warned that if Mora were "striving to make himself a proconsul," all Dominicans would unite in declaring him an undesirable person. The main cause of the Imbert forces' irritation with Mora has been the OAS official's moves to protect the Dominican Central Bank from having its reserves depleted by Imbert. A related factor has been the OAS negotiator's move to regularize and administer salary payments to officials loyal to either the Caamano or the Imbert governments.

Colonel Caamano has publicly stated that his regime's relations with Mora have been "interrupted" for essentially the same reasons. On the whole, the rebels have if anything been louder than the loyalists in protesting the "partiality" and "interference" of Mora. The OAS official may now be the rebels' chief scapegoat--a role formerly reserved for US Ambassador Bennett.

The rebel-operated Radio Santo Domingo (Constitutionalist) announced this morning that there would be a special meeting of the "Senate provisional chamber" tomorrow morning at 9:00 am EDT. The announcement, which was reportedly signed by Dr. Anibal Campana as president of the rump senate, did not explain the purpose of the meeting. In other broadcasts today, the rebel

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radio highlighted an anti-US "Ode to the Constitutional Government" and announced that Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party has called for a "general assembly" at 4:00 pm EDT tomorrow.

There is no information yet on what transpired at the pro-Imbert rallies called for today to mark the occasion of the fourth anniversary of Trujillo's assassination. The continuing rains in much of the interior resulted, however, in the cancellation of at least one of the scheduled assemblies: that of Moca, a town in the northern part of the country.

The situation in the countryside remains generally tranquil, and other than a report of weapons being fired in two small villages on the night of 28-29 May, no disturbances have been reported.

It now is apparent that the recent visit by two UN officials to the north-central Cibao valley area was conducted in a manner favorable to Caamano sympathizers.

Civic leaders from Santiago who called on the US Ambassador on 28 May objected strongly to the apparent collusion between the UN group and Caamano supporters. The Santiago group complained that Caamano's followers had advance notice of the UN team's arrival and were prepared to exploit it to the fullest, even to the extent of breaking up an attempted meeting between the UN officials and those persons opposed to Caamano. US officials feel that one member of the UN team, Cesar Ortiz, a Mexican who is the UN team's public information officer, has overstepped his role and has convinced Jose Mayobre, the chief UN representative in the Dominican Republic, of the overwhelming popular support of the Caamano cause in the Cibao area. Because of Ortiz's leftist background and present partiality to the rebel cause, US officials feel that he should be either neutralized or replaced.

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